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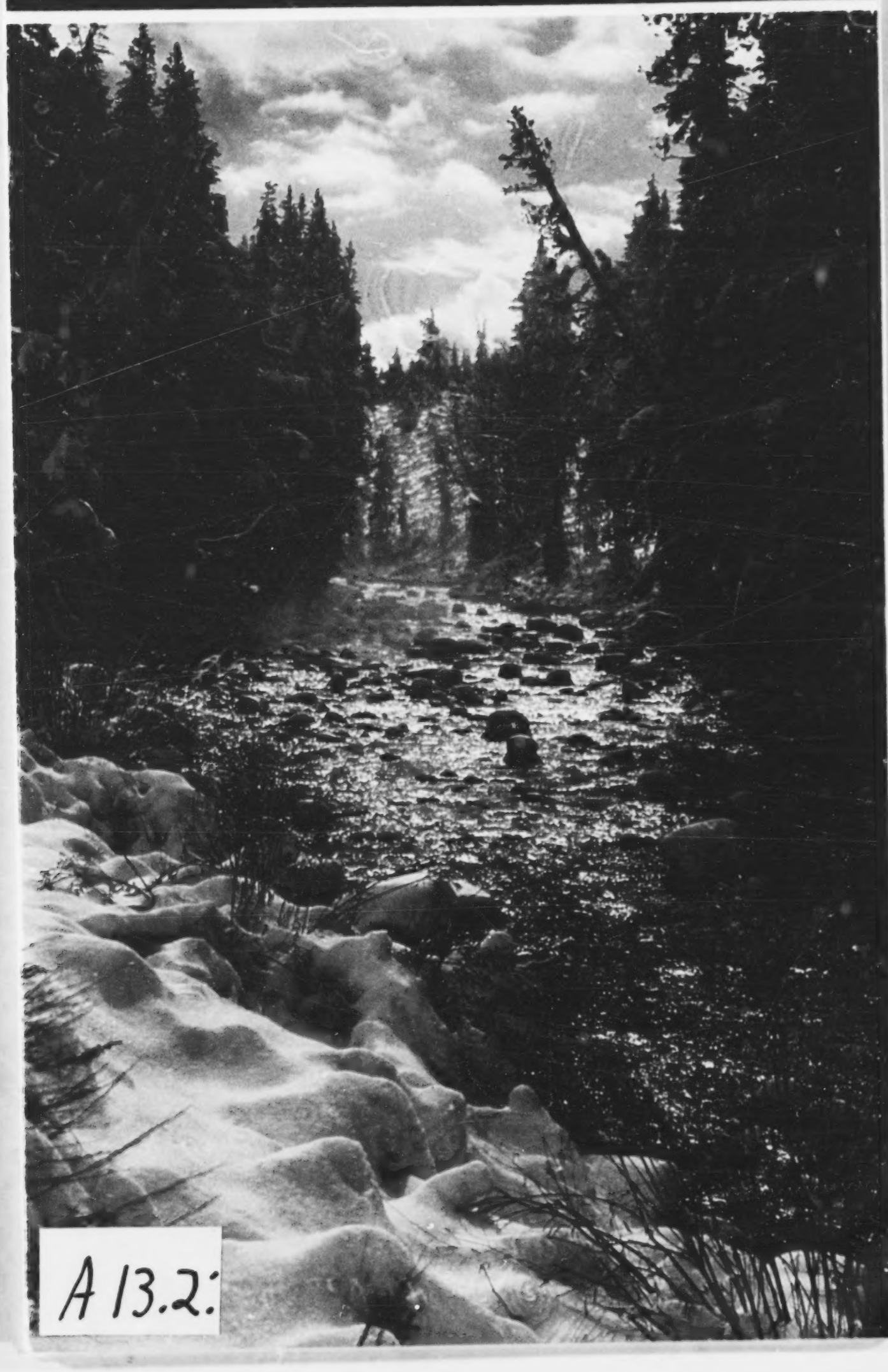

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Campfire scents, mingled with pine and food cooking over an open fire, hunting, fishing, snow skiing and water skiing, cold nights and starry skies, wildlife, solitude and sunshine, mountain peaks and valleys, trees, streams, rocks and flowers, wood cutting, hundreds of hiking trails and dozens of campgrounds—all of this, and more, are yours in six National Forests in Utah. Roads and designated areas for all-terrain vehicles, miles of snowmobile trails, and horse trails make up part of the package available to everyone.

Each Forest offers all of this as well as its own unique version of nature's wonders. Come see for yourself.

Manti-La Sal

The Manti-La Sal National Forest punctuates the scenic wonders of southeastern Utah. The three separate mountain blocks provide islands of green rising above the desert. Here visitors can find adventure, romance, and unparalleled scenery.

The Abajo Mountains, rising 11,360 feet above sea level, and their associated red rock plateaus just west of Monticello in southeastern Utah are part of the Forest. They are rich in history as well as scenic beauty. Places named Deadman Point, Babylon Pasture, or Chippean Rocks conjure vivid stories of the early West of the white man, but the imagination can go wild over pictographs, petroglyphs, cliff dwellings, arrowheads and pottery left by Anasazis and others who came before.

Along the eastern Utah border near Moab, the LaSal Mountains rise 12,721 feet above sea level. This part of the Forest provides climatic relief to the desert of the Colorado River Plateau. Narrow Forest roads lead travelers to the high mountain passes, and into narrow canyons like Dark Canyon where the crystalline rock structure of the peaks is exposed for all to see or into Mill Creek where Oowah Lake sets as a small jewel amid spruce trees.

The Wasatch Plateau, locally called the Manti Top or Manti Mountains, rises to 11,000 feet above sea level in central Utah. This part of the Forest is bounded on the east by a shear escarpment rising 1,000 to 2,000 feet above Castle Valley, and on the west by steep slopes into the Sanpete Valley. The broad rolling ridges of the plateau have forest cover varying from deep green conifers to delicate light stemmed aspen separated by wide meadows where flowers bloom from snowmelt until fall.

Uinta

Steep canyons and rugged mountain peaks dominate the Uinta National Forest along the south end of the Wasatch Front. This easily-accessible, close-to-home Forest attracts urban visitors with breathtaking views, beautiful campground and picnic facilities, and an extensive trail system.

The Alpine Scenic Loop flaunts scenery reminiscent of the Swiss Alps. A 24-mile narrow, paved road takes you past Timpanogos Cave National Monument and Visitor Center passing close to the majestic Mt. Timpanogos Wilderness. Trails leading into the Wilderness allow the hiker and horse rider a view of Rocky Mountain goat, mule deer, hawk, and meadows of fragrant wildflowers.

Cascade Springs Scenic Highway, a 7.5-mile paved road off the Alpine Scenic Loop, gives the traveler a pleasant side trip. Cascade Springs Interpretive Site takes you strolling on redwood boardwalks across springs cascading down the mountain slope in a series of limestone terraces and pools. These sparkling waters are home to brown trout playing hide and seek under the watercress.

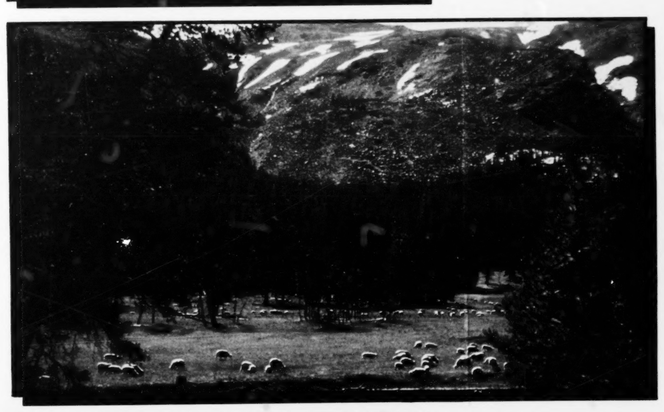
Nebo Scenic Loop offers 32 paved miles through the breathtaking Mt. Nebo Wilderness. High mountain lakes offer camping, fishing, canoeing, hiking and horseback riding.

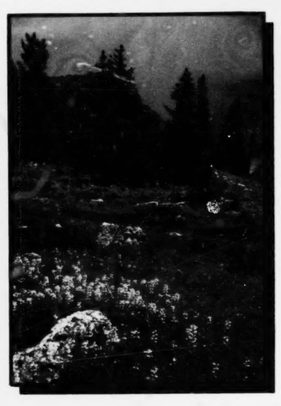
Wasatch-Cache

The Wasatch-Cache National Forest in northern Utah and southwestern Wyoming, decorated in nature's handiwork, rich in natural resources, and host to exciting animal life, invites year-round use. Outstanding one-day recreation opportunities, campgrounds, and world class ski areas make this one of the most heavily used National Forests in the nation.

Special, unique, or historical attractions such as world-famous geologic formations in Ogden Canyon, old mining activity in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, and the site where granite was quarried to build the Salt Lake "Mormon" Temple invite you to visit.

In the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, skiers find the "greatest snow on earth." Fluffy, dry powder falls for nearly five months a year in a winter paradise, creating major ski resorts with miles of lifts and runs near Salt Lake City.



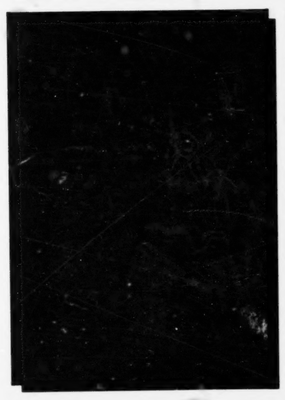


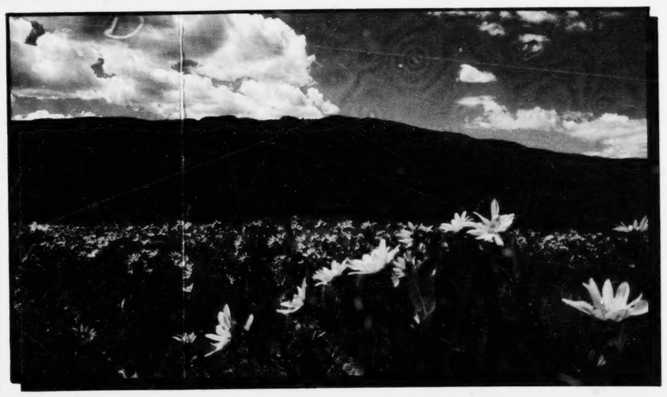
Fishlake

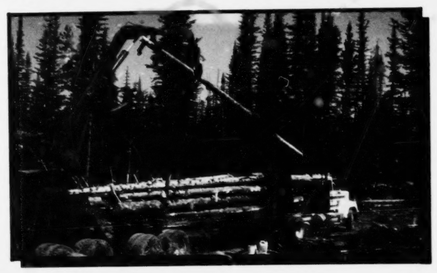
Rising as green oases above the junction of I-15 and I-70 in central Utah, the several mountains and plateaus that form the Fishlake National Forest invite you to enjoy the highly spectacular and widely varied scenery, and enjoy cool climatic relief from the hot desert valleys. The Forest provides 76 streams and 60 ponds and reservoirs for fishing.

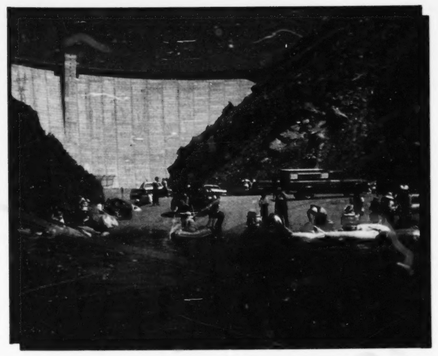
The Fish Lake-Johnson Valley area, near the east side of the Forest, receives 25 percent of the recreation use on the Forest. This is a 13,700-acre area with 3,000 acres of lakes and reservoirs, 4 campgrounds, 7 picnic areas, 1 boating site, and 3 resorts. Several species of trout, splake, and large Mackinaw can be caught year round. A full range of public services and facilities is available year round from the three resorts.

The Tushar Mountains with loop roads, places for camping, fishing, hiking, sightseeing, and dramatic landscapes extend forest fun to you. For those wanting to get away from it all, the Tushars afford solitude along the Skyline National Recreation Trail. The Fishlake National Forest is also home for one of the largest deer herds in Utah and the elk herd is increasing rapidly.









Ashley

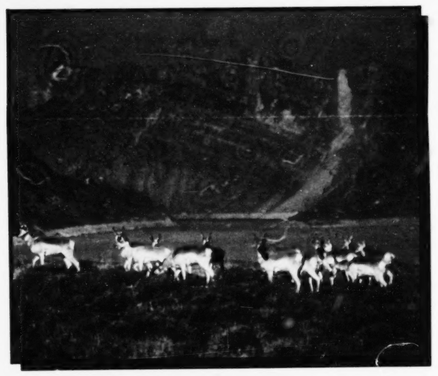
In the northeast corner of Utah and the southwest corner of Wyoming, the Ashley National Forest falls into three geographical areas—the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains; the Wyoming Basin; and the Tavaputs Plateau. Abundant wildlife including bear, mountain lion, moose, elk, mule deer, antelope, and the recently introduced Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep roam freely throughout the land.

The High Uintas Wilderness contains Utah's highest peak, Kings Peak, 13,528 feet, and lies on the Ashley and Wasatch-Cache National Forests boundaries. The Uintas defy the trend of most mountain ranges in North America by running due east from the Wasatch Mountains into Colorado.

Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area dominates the northeast part of the Forest, offering record-breaking German brown, lake, and rainbow trout. During the first and second weeks of September, Kokanee salmon run from the Flaming Gorge Reservoir to spawn in Sheep Creek.

The Green River, a blue ribbon trout stream below the dam, is paralleled for 7.3 miles by the Little Hole National Recreation Trail.

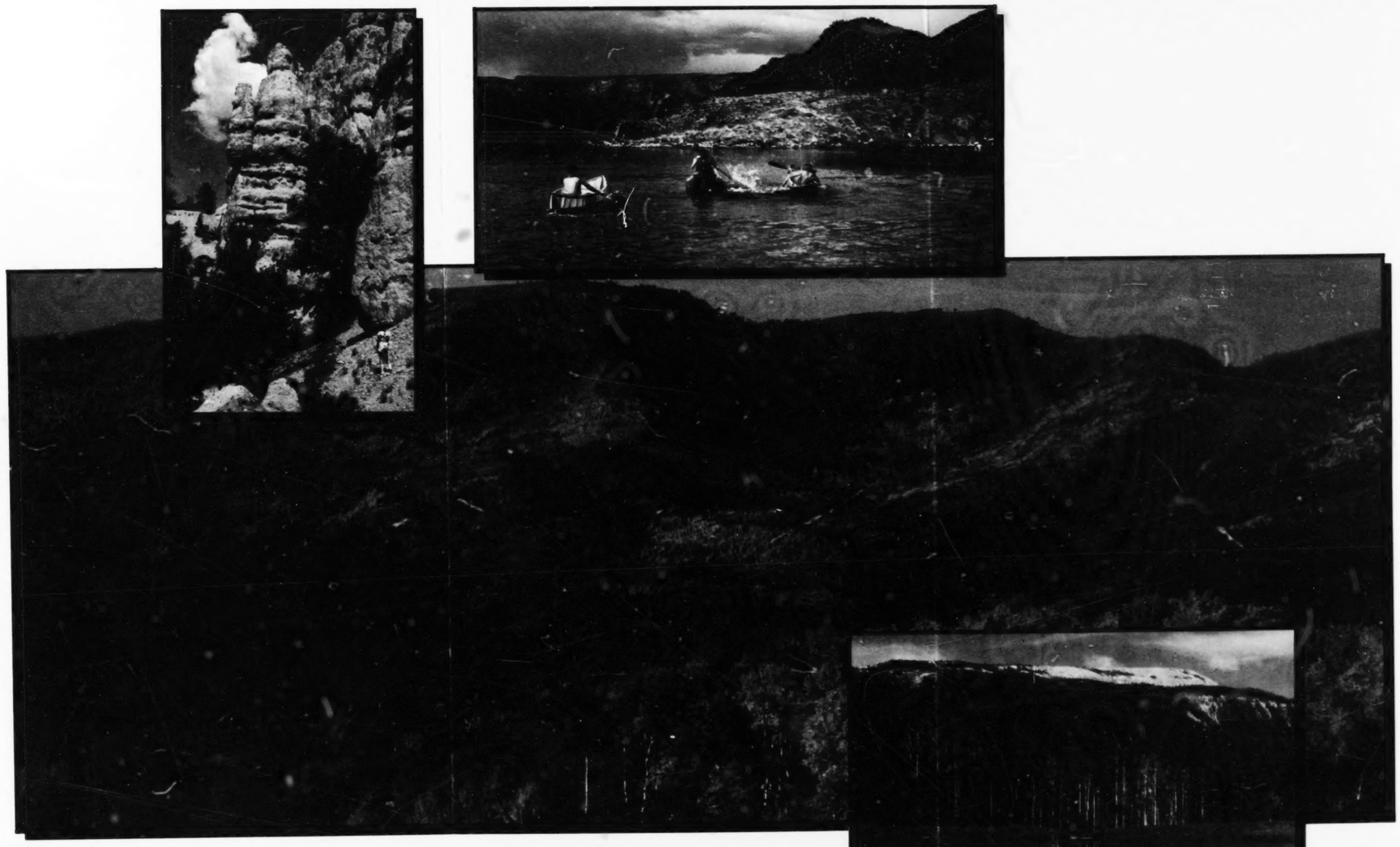
Sheep Creek Canyon Geological Area, filled with twisted, folded rock formations, attracts geologists, rock hounds, and photographers.



Dixie

Stretching nearly 170 miles across southern Utah, the Dixie National Forest straddles the divide between the Great Basin and the Colorado River. From a low 2,900-foot elevation to the 11,322 foot peak at Blue Bell Knoll, grandiose vistas greet you along every mile of forest roads. High points are beautiful Red Canyon and the Forest's three unique Wildernesses.

Precipitation extremes range from 10 inches in lower elevations to more than 40 inches per year near Brian Head. Temperature extremes from 100° in St. George in the summer to -30° on the plateau tops, remind visitors to come prepared for all kinds of weather. Sudden and dramatic mid-summer thunderstorms pour down heavy rains in parts of Dixie where August is the wettest month of the year.



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